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Midsummer Offering.

Brethren of West Michigan, which shall it be, an offering of thanksgiving unto the Lord or the Fourth of July celebration? How thankful the true hearted Christian should be for the many blessings received from Him who knows all our needs! We very much desire to have all our churches hold public meetings on the Fourth of July. We should express our thankfulness to God for his watchcare over us. God has caused the four winds of heaven to be held so that his servants might be sealed with the seal of the living God. We ought to indeed express thanks to him that he has permitted us to live in a land of liberty. Freedom and liberty still reign. Soon an attempt will be made to take our freedom and liberty from us.

Shall we not come with our praises and offerings that the Lord may give us strength that we may be able to endure the affliction that

is to come upon us? The signs of Christ's soon-coming are too plain to be doubted. It is high time that we all awake to our God given responsibilities and duties. We have a world-wide message. Who is going to carry it? The history of this earth is fast closing. There are people in every town, city and village who must yet know this truth and have an opportunity to embrace it. Missionaries are needed to go into these towns and villages and raise up the standard of truth. God's witnesses must be scattered all over the land.

We should all watch for opportunities to speak a word in season to those with whom we come in contact. Let each one go to work and ways will open before him. The world will be convinced, not by what the pulpit teaches, but by what the church lives. The minister in the desk announces the theory of the gospel, the practical piety of the church demonstrates its power. In order for the church to be spiritually strong its members should make a strong effort to give to the others the help that has been given to them. Each individual member should learn to depend upon God and not himself or any other human being.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come." The greatest part of the work of seed sowing should be done by the lay members of the church. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1. The Holy Spirit will impell the children to go forth to carry the message of heaven. It will be poured out upon all those who yield to its

promptings. "For the love of Christ constraineth us." II Cor. 5:14. "In the future men in the common walks of life will be impressed by the Spirit of the Lord to leave their ordinary employment and go forth to proclaim the last message of mercy. As rapidly as possible they are to be prepared for labor, that success may crown their efforts." God has given a work to all. Our hearts are to be so filled with the love of Christ that our words of thanksgiving shall warm other hearts. "We are laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:9. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Everyone must learn to work and stand in his place as a burden bearer. "And to each man his work." Mark 13:34. Haste thee, flee for thy life, is the call to be given to those dwelling in sin. "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard." Matt. 21:28. Now is the time to work. Many more workers ought to be in the field. "He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down from Heaven to save the world, one with Christ in his plan of mercy, going forth with him to seek and save the lost." We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." II Cor. 6:1. All around us are those who need our help—the widow, the orphan, the sick and dying, the heart-sick and discouraged, the ignorant and out-cast. There is everywhere a work to be done for those who through intemperance have fallen. "Bless-

ed are ye that sow beside all waters." Isa. 32:20.

A knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education and all true service.

Special readings have been prepared for the Sabbath service July 4. What more need be said to arouse an interest in the mission work, that has been committed unto this people? We simply write this article to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

"Blessed be the name of the Lord."

A. G. HAUGHEY.

God's Test of His People.

God has put three tests upon his people by which he would prove their character. The people who will be ready to meet the Saviour when he shall return will be a tried people.

The Lord has given us the Sabbath as a test of our obedience to him and his law. He has reserved to himself the tithe as his portion to test our loyalty to him and his kingdom. He calls upon us for freewill offerings with which to support his cause in the earth, leaving the matter as to how much we will give entirely with us. This is a test of our liberality.

We often hear people say, "I love the Lord, I love this truth," or, "I love the third angel's message." How much do you love him? How much do you love this message? What is the measure of your love?

I once heard of a poor family whose home was in flames. Many neighbors and friends stood by, loud in their expressions of sympathy and sorrow. At last, one big German fellow said, "I'm sorry too," and taking a ten dollar bill from his pocket said, "I am sorry this much; how sorry are you?" Quickly a nice little sum was raised for the poor family. Their expressions of sorrow were of no benefit to the family; the evidence of sympathy was a great help.

Now, brethren, is your love to God and this truth clearly shown by a faithful keeping of the Sabbath, and a careful payment of every cent of tithe? Are you loyal to the King? Or are you a traitor to the government of heaven? Does your love for the message enlarge your heart with liberality, and loose your purse strings so that your offerings flow freely? Or do you get a nickel changed into pennies before you start to Sabbath-school when you have dollars in your pocket? Your profession of love is only sounding brass if you are unfaithful in these things.

In "Early Writings," we are told that Satan instructed his angels to put within this people a grudging disposition that they might give sparingly to the cause of God. The enemy will make it his first business to see that there are plenty of ways for your money if he can only keep it out of this cause. I fear there will be "unfaithfulness" written opposite many names in the books of heaven because of our lack in these things. Do we think more of a few dollars or cents of tithes and offerings than we do of our eternal salvation?

Some may say they are too poor to pay tithe. There are none on earth too poor to take hold of the key which unlocks the windows of heaven. To such a one, I would say, "You are too poor to cut yourself off from the blessing and help of heaven. You cannot afford to be without the Lord's help." Mal. 3:8-11.

Last year there was a family, the father of which was not a Christian, though he believes as we do, who paid a faithful tithe of all they earned, and gave four dollars a month toward the church-school. At the close of the year this man said, "I know the Lord will bless the man who pays his tithe. We never gave so much in our lives before, and we never have gotten along so well and had so much."

Now, if a non-Christian can prove this to be true, surely we who

are living the Sabbath law, help us each to be obedient to his law, keep the Sabbath; prove loyalty to his kingdom by paying a faithful tithe, and show a liberality by giving freely (in offerings) as he has given to us.—O. Montgomery.

Notes From the Summer School.

Teachers continue to arrive, and the enrollment has now reached sixty.

Prof. Kauble was called to Chicago on business Friday. He remained over the Sabbath.

The course offered in music and drawing is much appreciated by our teachers, and these classes are well filled.

Clifford Russell was called to Otsego Friday. He remained over the Sabbath, returning to Berrien Springs the first of the week.

Elder Moon, having just arrived from his recent visit to Minneapolis, came to the College Wednesday to assist in planning the work.

Elder S. E. Wight paid the teachers at the Summer School a pleasant visit last week. Tuesday evening he spoke in the chapel on the subject "The Ideal Teacher from the Standpoint of a Conference President."

Grand Rapids, Mich.,
Soldiers Home, June 3, '08.
Editor West Mich. Herald:

The time has expired for this paper. I have been feeling so badly I have not been able to write to renew it. Enclosed find 25 cents subscription price for another year. I enjoy the paper much, and it is a source of great comfort to me. I look forward every week when it will come. I am eighty-six years of age and when I am not able to go to church I read your paper which is good as a sermon to me.

Very respectfully,
MRS. MARY E. ARMSTRONG.

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The following is taken from a letter concerning the importance of the present opportunities for missionary work along temperance lines:

"I have words of encouragement to speak in regard to the special number of the WATCHMAN, which the Southern Publishing House is soon to bring out. I shall rejoice to see our conferences help in this work by taking a large number of this issue for circulation. Let there be no forbiddings placed upon the effort, but let all take hold to give this temperance number wide circulation.

"There could not be a better time than now for a movement of this kind, when the temperance question is creating such widespread interest. Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question. Let everything possible be done to circulate strong, stirring appeals for the closing of the saloon. Let this paper be made a power for good. Our work for temperance is to be more spirited, more decided.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization with whose efforts for the spread of temperance principles we can heartily unite. The light has been given me that we are not to stand aloof from them, but, while there is to be no sacrifice of principle on our part, as far as possible we are to unite with them in laboring for temperance reforms. My husband and I in our labors united with these temperance workers, and we had the joy of seeing several unite with us in the observance of the true Sabbath. Among them there is a strong prejudice against us, but we will not remove this prejudice by standing aloof. God is testing us. We are to work with them when we can; and we can assuredly do this on the question of utterly closing the saloon."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

May 24, 1908.

Battle Creek Industrial School.

The graduating exercises of Battle Creek Industrial Academy were held at the Tabernacle, Thursday evening, June 11, at which time a class of five received their diplomas from the intermediate course of study.

In the south vestry was arranged an exhibit of work performed during the year in all grades. The work in manual training as well as in regular branches gave evidence of careful preparation, and the entire exhibit attracted much attention.

The rostrum was tastily decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. Above hung the motto, "Not finished: just begun."

Elder M. N. Campbell, president of the Iowa Conference, delivered the address of the evening, taking for his subject, "Perseverance."

Class Roll.

Ethel M. Bosler Alice G. Kirkland
Grace L. Davis Ethel A. Spencer
F. Paul Counts

The program as rendered was as follows:

Grand march.....Miss Lottie Howe
Chorus....."God Doth Reign"
Scripture reading

.....Prof. C. A. Russell
Prayer.....Eld. S. D. Hartwell
Violin Solo—"Scherzo".....David
HAROLD TODD.

"Hark! Hark! My Soul!"...Schelley
MISSES LULU COBB AND JENNIE STAGG
Graduating Address

.....Eld. M. N. Campbell
Chorus....."O, Happy Hour"
Presentation of Diplomas

MR. B. G. SPENCER.
"Auf Weidersiehn".....Bailey
MRS. H. M. DUNLAP AND M. W.
NEWTON.

"Galop de Concert".....Smith
MRS. ALBERT STRATEMEYER AND
MISS TESSA BORDO

Benediction....Eld. G. W. Amadon
CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

"I set a greater value on the character of a doer of good than any other kind of reputation."—Franklin.

Covert.

I have read with interest the reports of our Church Schools from time to time and thought perhaps you would be glad to know something of our work at Covert.

The church here is of long standing but the present members are those recently come to a knowledge of the truth. I spent the winter here a year ago with my son and came back this year at the earnest request of parents and students.

Our school opened September 23 and continued eight months. I can say that I fully enjoyed my work. The parents all meant to co-operate, and this means much to a teacher. As I looked into the faces of these dear children from day to day I realized they were all blood-bought souls, judgment bound.

Remembering that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, I sought Him, that each mind should receive lasting impressions for right and truth in the pure principles laid down for us by Him.

Church school teachers have many obstacles to cope with, but we are not alone, for God has promised, and He surely hears and answers every earnest petition. The enemy is a wily foe and shows his cloven foot but our God is stronger than he, and is so patient with our shortcomings, and leads us in paths we know not, to make of us vessels fitted to honor Him.

Our school at one time numbered twenty but removals took some away so that our number was lessened. I feel that I can truthfully say that a decided improvement was made and when some of the older students told me of struggles with evil, and a decision for the right, I felt more than repaid for any sacrifice on my part.

Toward the close of school, some select poetry was learned, each one taking a part in the study of the progress of the message, and with some music, furnished a program,

to which we invited the parents. The citizens hearing of this came in and thus it was our privilege to tell the people the object and manner of conducting our schools. I am told that many compliments were paid us. I felt the children without an exception did credit to the work bestowed upon them. The brethren invited me to return the coming year, and although I may not be able to comply, the courtesy is appreciated.

MRS. JULIA COUNTRYMAN.

North Michigan.

Accepting a call to labor in the North Michigan Conference, wife and I left Buchanan several weeks ago, for Traverse City, to unite with Elder M. C. Guild in the work for the summer.

Waiting for our household goods to reach their destination we were asked to spend a few days with the church at Mesick, Mich. We found a very nice church company, and also a church school which is prospering with a large number of students in attendance.

While there we held seven meetings. The attendance was very good as the meetings were advertised by our people. Quite a number of outsiders were present during the services and we found some who are very much interested, and I believe will take hold of the truth soon.

We are at present in Traverse City expecting to soon begin our summer's campaign with the tent. We hope our brethren will not forget us in their prayers, that God will bless us in our new field, and that souls may be saved as the result of our labors.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

Life and Health for July.

This issue of LIFE AND HEALTH brings instruction that can be easily applied in the daily life, and that will greatly help in prolonging life and rendering it more possible "TO LIVE TWICE AS LONG, AND TWICE AS WELL." It cites the ap-

plication of the principles of natural health laws in the life of Daniel and his companions; John, the Baptist; and, in modern times, Louis Cornaro* who lived to be over 100 years old; the Honorable David Wark of the Canadian Senate, and Captain Diamond all of whom attributed their long, happy, and useful lives to their conformity to the true principles of health and temperance.

"When parents cease to take care of their children, the devil will take care of them, for he is interested in the youth."

News and Notes.

Camp meeting, August 13-23.

A canvassers' institute is being held in Grand Rapids.

The foundation for the warehouse is being put in.

The Missionary Volunteer Society of Grand Rapids are making a special study of the Book of Revelation.

Sunday evening, June 14, Elder M. C. Guild gave a very interesting discourse in the church at Grand Rapids.

John E. Hanson spoke to the Grand Rapids church Sabbath morning. In the afternoon he met with the church at Wayland.

A letter has been received by Elder Morris Lukens from a man who stated that he had bought a book published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association which taught that the seventh day was the Sabbath, and that he had begun its observance. He was anxious to take this book to others that they might see the same truth. It is needless to say that the canvasser who sold this book, when informed of the result of its work, was encouraged to press on even though he had just passed through some severe trials.

Ten meetings were conducted in Grand Rapids, on South Division Street. Elder W. E. Videto spoke the first evening.

"We pray every day that God will make us more and more like him; but it is the constant practice of benevolence that develops in us Godlike character."

Brother O. L. Denslow was in Otsego last week. He left for Washington and will reach his field of labor in Virginia about the time this paper goes to press.

The brethren in Florida are planning to purchase a property in Orlando to use for a sanitarium. Elder R. W. Parmele, president of that conference has the matter in charge.

We expect soon to have a supply of the report of the bookmen's convention in Chicago last March and any who are especially interested in receiving a copy will communicate with us so we can mail you one. The expense of publication is ten cents a copy, but if any desire a copy who cannot afford to pay the ten cents, write us anyhow and we will send it.

Word received from Muir indicates that long before the workers there had any idea of presenting the Sabbath question, a minister announced that he would prove from the Bible and from history that the "first day of the week is the only true Christian Sabbath." Brethren Whitmarsh and Nyman took up their appointment and went to hear him. They asked permission to make an announcement at the close of his service but were denied. It was given out the next day and as a result the attendance at the tent increased from 50 or 60 to over 300. The facts about the true Sabbath are being brought out. Let us remember these brethren and the work in Muir in our prayers.